

Reply to Office Action dated May 19, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-21, 23 and 25-27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 27 is amended and claims 28, 30-32 and 66-71 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

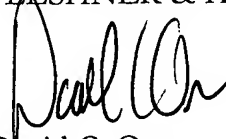
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 1-10, 12-21, 23 and 25-27 are allowed. Therefore, all pending claims are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10, 12-21, 23 and 25-27 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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